

THE LITTLE ARMCHAIR.

Nobody sits in the little armchair. It stands in a corner dim. And the mother, gazing there, And yearningly thinking of him, Sees through the dust of long ago The face of the boy's sweet face As he rocks so merrily to and fro With a laugh that cheers the place.

Sometimes he holds a book in his hand, Sometimes a pencil and slate, And the lesson is hard to understand, The figures to calculate. But when the father's head, So proud of his little son, And she hears the words so often said, "No fear for our little one."

They were wonderful days, the dear, sweet days, When a child with sunny hair Was here to smile, to kiss and to praise, And the mother, gazing there, And yearningly thinking of him, Sees through the dust of long ago The face of the boy's sweet face As he rocks so merrily to and fro With a laugh that cheers the place.

But now and then in a wistful dream, Like a picture out of date, She sees a head with golden gleams Bent over a pencil and slate, And she hears the words so often said, "No fear for our little one."

When the small armchair stood just in The center of everything.

—New York Times.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

—Fidelity Council, Jr. O. U. A. M., will visit Eden Council this evening.

—An original widows' pension has been granted to Rachel W. Brown, of Bristol.

—A second alarm of fire was turned in on Tuesday. This time it was an old brush heap out in the country.

—If the ordinance forbidding the use of bicycles on the sidewalks was enforced it would help reduce the tax-rate.

—After next week shipments of coal will be made daily from the express office here to Pittsburgh until the season closes.

—The St. Paul's Mission was crowded to the doors last evening at the entertainment given by the Boys' Friendly Society.

—Rev. Dr. E. P. Shields will preach his farewell sermon on Sunday morning. He will also occupy the Presbyterian pulpit in the evening.

—The real estate of Daniel R. Fenton and others, situate on Bath street, was sold at Sheriff's sale last Saturday to Sarah Ann Vandegrie for \$2200.

—If there is any body in Bristol opposed to a bridge being built across the Delaware between this borough and Burlington the Gazette would like to hear from them.

—The bills taxing bicycles one dollar each for road improvements were announced in committee Monday to include all vehicles. This is certain to result in the entire defeat of the plan.

—The first century run of the Fairhill Wheelmen, of Philadelphia, is scheduled to stop at Bristol on Sunday, May 9th, at 1.15 for dinner. The run will pass through town in the morning at about 8.30.

—Two fishing nets belonging to Harry Mackie were thrown overboard from the wharf of Mrs. Andrews and a pair of oars stolen from the boat house in the National Park yard on last Sunday evening.

—List of letters remaining in the Bristol post office for week ending April 22, 1897: Miss Rita Burke, John Deffen, Daniel Hill, Mrs. Joseph Minor, Mrs. Jean Morgan, Edward Houseman, Brandywine Mills Co.

—At the next meeting of the No. 1 Fire Company, the first Thursday in May, a new hose wagon is expected to be ordered. The fire engine will test all the hose belonging to the several companies next Saturday afternoon.

—An alarm of fire was sounded on last Tuesday morning at 11.30. The cause was a defective fire at Haddock's store on Mill street. The damage was slight, and a few buckets of water quenched the flames. The steamer was not taken out.

—The trolley line through Fairmount Park began operations for the season on Tuesday morning. The line, with the exception of the bridge over the Schuylkill, at Strawberry Mansion, which will be completed in a few weeks, is entirely finished.

—No change was made in the membership of the Vestry of St. James' Church last Monday. The members are Messrs. G. Morris Dorrance, James Wright, Scerrill Douglass, L. C. Wetting, Lewis Lechner, W. H. Hay, and R. H. Morris.

—Philadelphia's Coroner, Samuel H. Ashbridge, in response to a request from the Longfellow Deafening and Literary Society, has promised to deliver a lecture on Cans, in Bristol on Monday evening, May 10th. The lecture will be given in the Baptist Church, and there will be no charge for admission.

—The bill in the Legislature which the sportsmen of Bristol took exception to, and prepared a petition for signers against its passage, has been so amended that the most objectionable features of it have been eliminated. The season for rabbits, woodcock, and ducks, remain as heretofore. The bill prohibits over a certain number of birds being killed at a time, the shipping of birds out of the State, and the sale of game.

—The concert to be given in the Bristol rink on next Tuesday evening, by the Symphony Musical Clubs of Princeton University, bids fair to be heard by a large audience. The programme includes twelve numbers and will consist of instrumental music upon the banjo and mandolin and vocal music by a quartette of male voices. The price of admission is 25 cents. Reserved seats are 50 cents. After the concert a subscription dance will be given with a number of Bristol ladies as patronesses, for which invitations have been issued. The concert is for the benefit of the Bristol Library and it is hoped that a handsome addition to the library fund will result.

—The Easter exercises at the M. E. Church on Sunday last, were of a very high order, the entire programme being successfully as satisfactorily carried out. Proceeding the regular service in the morning, sacred musical selections were rendered by members of the Liberty Cornet Band, from the tower of the church. At 10.30 a. m., baptism of infants was held in the auditorium, 15 receiving the rites, after which the Pastor, Rev. C. H. Rorer, preached an appropriate Easter sermon. In the evening the exercises were in charge of the Sabbath School, Hull's programme being used for the occasion. At both services the auditorium being filled to its utmost extent, it became necessary to raise the roller partitions and utilize the seating capacity of the Sunday School room. In the evening about 900 people were present.

Personal Mention.

Miss Nina Warman, of Chester, is visiting friends in Bristol.

Mrs. Motlar, of Brooklyn, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Howard Purcell.

Mr. Oscar Box has been visiting friends in New York City the past week.

Henry K. Love, a student at St. Paul's, Concord, N. H., is home on a vacation.

Rev. Bryce Morrow left Bristol on Monday for a visit to his former home, Carlisle.

Mrs. Arthur Lawrence, of Boston, Mass., is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. John P. Lawrence.

Mr. Ryan Rapp, editor of the Reigsville News, paid a visit to the Gazette this morning.

Misses Anna and Louise Swain are at Haverhill, N. J., the guests of Miss Gertrude K. Pennington.

Ex-Senator C. S. Vandegrie and wife, of Edinburg, spent the Easter holidays at the Whitehall, Atlantic City.

Rev. W. L. Kulp, of New Haven, Conn., formerly rector of St. James' Church, Bristol, is visiting old friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. Boatfield, of Short Hills, N. J., were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. John K. Willman for several days last week.

—The entertainment to take place at the rink on Tuesday evening next promises to be an event of rare attractiveness. All lovers of fine music, and all who delight in a concert of a high order, should avail themselves of this opportunity for enjoyment.

The Symphony Musical Clubs of Princeton University have a splendid reputation, and the Bristol Library, in securing their favor for its special benefit, is to be congratulated. This affair promises to be a brilliant success. Let the Princeton boys be greeted by an audience worthy of their musical merits, and let no one fail to participate in the delights of this entertaining occasion.

Tried to Break the Record.

M. S. R. Francis Hyde, of 835 Fifth Avenue, New York, accompanied by her riding master, Eugene H. DeKetter, passed through Bristol yesterday on horseback in an endeavor to break the saddle record between New York and Philadelphia. The distance is 98 miles and the record established by Messrs. Cramer and Collett several weeks ago was six hours and fifty-two minutes. Mrs. Hyde left New York City at quarter past eight o'clock. The riders passed the Gazette office at 2.35 p. m. and reached the Stratford, Philadelphia, shortly after half-past four o'clock, thus covering the distance between the two cities in eight hours and fifteen minutes, or in one hour and twenty-two minutes more than it took Messrs. Cramer and Collett. Three relays of horses were used, the changes being made at Rahway, Princeton, and at the Closson House, Bristol.

Dissolution of Pastoral Relations.

The spring meeting of Philadelphia North held on Tuesday morning in the Chambers Presbyterian Church, Broad and Second streets, Philadelphia, was attended by Rev. Dr. E. P. Shields and a committee from the Bristol Church, consisting of John C. Stuckert, Esq., Dr. H. Purcell and Thomas Muschler.

Dr. Shields requested a dissolution of the pastoral relation between himself and the church at Bristol, on account of impaired health.

The action of the congregation was read, giving reluctant consent to the dissolution of a personal relation which had existed for thirteen years.

Mr. Stuckert said there was not a dollar of indebtedness on the church, and there had been more additions to the church than any former pastor.

The pastoral relation was dissolved, to take effect the 1st of May. The Rev. Mr. Foulke was appointed to declare the pulpit vacant.

After remarks by the Revs. T. R. Baebor, D. D., and J. H. Boggs, D. D., Dr. Shields was granted a letter of dismission to the Presbyterian of West Jersey. On motion of the Rev. Dr. Pumphrey, Ph. D., a committee was appointed to prepare a minute relative to Dr. Shields.

Inmate Law Makers.

The bill recently introduced in the Kentucky Legislature is a charmingly humane creation, but we believe it will be strangled to death. It prescribes that burglars committed to the penitentiary shall be branded upon the cheeks with the letter "B." A few foreign missionaries should be recalled and placed at work in the ripe field of Kentucky, and also other colonies.

A review of some of the bills before our various legislatures, compels one to admit that the State inane asylums are being deprived of many inmates.

There is a bill in Michigan making it illegal to use the French language on menus, English alone is allowed.

In Missouri, railroad employees are to be fined \$25 if caught flirting with women passengers.

A bill in Kansas makes war on the bloomer costume, and another has as its object the abolishment of corsets.

A bill in Minnesota would require saloon keepers to display a red sign, with the word "Danger" on it.

A bill in New York would prevent newspapers publishing the picture of any one without written consent.

Pennsylvania would prevent boys from playing football, and the keeping of certain household pets.

And, last of all, one legislature considered the advisability of abolishing pie as a steady diet.

—Memorial Day this year falls on Sunday, and will be celebrated on Saturday. The act of assembly provides that when the 30th of May falls on Sunday, the day preceding it, Saturday, shall be observed as the holiday.

—Mr. Laurence Johnson, of Philadelphia, is in Washington making an effort to have his brother, Alfred C. Johnson, retained as Consul at Stuttgart, Germany. The latter is a Democrat, but Laurence Johnson is a Republican.

—In the decision of the Superior Court at Pitsburg on Monday, the constitutionality of the Pure Food law was sustained and the decision of the Chester county Court reversed.

IN AND AROUND THE COUNTY.

—Some Montgomery County farmers have received rebates on their grain taxes because they used 4-inch-tired wagons.

—Chester city has about \$15,000 of outstanding taxes for which liens will be filed, and it is a hard list this last year.

—If P. Deever has been elected as the new president of the Doylestown Fire Company, which will try to enlist a lot of young recruits and build a fire house.

—At a meeting of the directors of the Newportville Horse Company held at the residence of Andrew Schaffer on Monday last week James Rogers was elected president and Dr. James Patterson a director to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Walter R. Johns.

—If "Sared History" be true the weighing of man is of very ancient origin, says the New Hope News: Just now the Bucks County bosses are taking the left of some people in connection with prospective political preferment. John S. Williams, of Lower Salebury, is said to be in the list of eligibles for Senator.

—The Rev. William P. Taylor, of St. Mary's Church, Burlington, who has many friends in Bristol, has accepted a call to Morrisstown, N. J., and will go as the assistant to Rev. Charles H. Hubbard, D. D. His many friends will regret his departure, and St. Mary's Hall, where he has long conducted the beautiful chapel service, will be particularly sorry to lose him.

—Rev. Joseph T. Wright administered the rite of Holy Baptism to forty-five children and adults, ranging from infants of a few months of age to young men and maidens, in the Grace Protestant Church, at Hottelville, Saturday afternoon. A large congregation witnessed the scene, which concluded the most remarkable series of Lenten services held in Bucks county for many years.

—Two sharpers visited Edward Atkinson, of Wrightstown, a few days ago, and attempted to fleece him at three-card monte, in which they were unsuccessful. The bunco man approached Mr. Atkinson in the old way, one of them calling at his residence and representing that he desired to purchase a farm in the vicinity. The second sharpener turned up at the convenient place along the road, and introduced the game which Mr. Atkinson had heard and read about many times. The men disappeared after spending some time in trying to induce their intended victim to stake some money on the cards.

—Mrs. Ireddell, who owns the Allentown Chronicle, is an applicant for the appointment of Postmistress at Allentown. Frank J. Sherer, the Editor and Manager of the paper, wants to be Consul to Stuttgart, which position Alfred C. Johnson of this vicinity now holds through the favor of Ex-President Cleveland. Sherer would like to go to Washington and see Senator Penrose in his behalf. He was informed by Senator Penrose that Mrs. Ireddell had entered a protest against Mr. Sherer's appointment. The Senator said that Mrs. Ireddell had practically told him that she ran the politics of Lehigh county. Naturally this made the Alderman indignant. He stated to the Senator that Mrs. Ireddell had very little influence in Lehigh county politics. The Senator said he will another surprise in store for the Alderman when he stated that Mrs. Ireddell was a candidate for Postmistress at Allentown. Senator Penrose told the Alderman that Mrs. Ireddell had declared that she controlled more votes than Alderman Jones. The latter then stated his side of the story, and gave his version of the facts in the case, and before the Alderman and the Senator terminated their interview the latter stated pledged to do all in his power to have Mr. Sherer appointed Consul to Stuttgart. Mrs. Ireddell may yet get the postoffice, but from present indications it does not look probable.

Diocesan Convention.

The annual session of the diocesan convention, the legislative body of the Episcopal Church in the diocese of Pennsylvania, will be held this year in St. Luke's Church, 13th and Spruce streets, Philadelphia, beginning May 4. The diocese comprises the counties of Philadelphia, Bucks, Chester, Delaware and Montgomery.

Several questions of importance will come before the convention, among them being a radical change in canon xvii, which deals with the parochial system of the diocese, and more particularly with the establishment of new missions, the removal of churches and the abandonment of old places of worship.

A special committee, of which Bishop Whitaker is chairman, has had the subject in hand for nearly a year and will submit its report to the convention. It recommends that a new canon be substituted for canon xvii. The new canon calls for the consent of the bishop of the diocese when a change in any parish is in contemplation.

The committee also recommends that a proposed additional section to canon viii be adopted, which will make somebody responsible for every part of the diocese.

It will also recommend the repeal of canon xx, relating to the abandonment of church property. The proposed change, it is said, is aimed at an evil which has lately arisen in the diocese, which is that unconsecrated church properties are being disposed of for worldly uses. It is expected that the changes proposed will cause considerable discussion in the convention.

Cold Weather Snaps.

White frost yesterday morning. Early buds met an untimely death. Ice was a quarter of an inch thick Tuesday morning.

Of course the Delaware peach crop is ruined. It always is.

Early Tuesday morning the falling mercury marked 28 degrees.

The magnolia trees which on Monday were in full bloom looked sore and brown on Tuesday.

W. C. T. U.

Union signal meeting of the W. C. T. U. Wednesday, April 28, at 4 p. m.

The W. C. T. U. give a most hearty and cordial invitation to the public to attend a parlor meeting in the Presbyterian Church next Friday evening at 7.45. The several clergymen will address the meeting.

The Opinion of Burnett Landroth, of the Famous Seed Firm.

BURSTON, Pa., April 20, '97.

EDITOR OF THE GAZETTE:—On the 8th you published a letter from me on the subject of the projected river bridge and I again refer to it as I have been informed one of the citizens of Bristol is using his influence at Harrisburg to defeat the granting of the charter by the Legislature. This is most unfortunate, yet only what is to be looked for as the action of a corporation attorney whose clients might be injured by the construction of a bridge, and this all correct enough professionally; but if representations have been made to the Legislature that the people of Bristol and of Bucks county do not want the bridge, it is a gross perversion of the facts. The people do want it; they want anything which tends to raise Bristol out of its Rip Van Winkle sleep; to revive connections, better roads, better water, bridges.

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BURLINGTON-BRISTOL BRIDGE.

Public Sentiment Entirely in its Favor.

Prominent Citizens Recent Boldly Misrepresented.

It is not expected that work will be begun on the bridge over the Delaware this year. There are preliminary matters to be considered and acted upon before it comes to that. There is one thing that grows in certainty every day and that is the bridge will be built. Public sentiment is strongly in favor of its construction. In Burlington there is practically no opposition whatever to the project. In Bristol everybody appears to be in favor of it, with the possible single exception of those who are interested in the ferry boat monopoly.

A Gazette representative called upon a number of the leading citizens of Bristol the other day, and without a single exception each one expressed himself as being in favor of the construction of the bridge. This effectually disposes of the statement made to Representatives at Harrisburg that the Bristol people were opposed to the bridge.

What F. F. G. Told the Lawmakers.

Justice Gilchrist, of Bristol, has gone up to Harrisburg, and told the Pennsylvania lawmakers that the Bristol people don't want that Burlington-Bristol Delaware bridge. Just what the Bristol people will say when they know this remains to be seen. —Burlington Gazette.

A Most Important Public Improvement.

The New Hope News has this to say: The Burlington-Bristol Delaware bridge bill which is now pending in the Pennsylvania Legislature is in interest of the most important public improvement that has been contemplated in the south end of the county in a long while. So great is the public demand for this bridge that those who go on record as opposing it, lay themselves open to the suspicion of ulterior motives or direct interest in the ferry that has enjoyed a monopoly between the points mentioned for about 200 years.

The incorporators of the Bridge Company, in order to dispel any fear that the approach to it on this side of the river would interfere or mar the beauty of Radcliffe street, have sent to this office the following statement which effectually disposes of any objection on that score which could be raised:

BURLINGTON, N. J., April 21, 1897.

EDITOR OF THE GAZETTE:—According to the plans of the Burlington & Bristol Bridge Co. it is proposed to construct a steel bridge on stone piers from a point above or near the Bristol Water Works to Burlington Island, and another bridge from the island to Burlington city, with draws in each. The bridge will not be above the grade of Radcliffe street, and the location of it will be in accordance with the wishes of the citizens of Bristol.

J. HOWARD POOL, A. H. McNEAL, HENRY S. HAINES, GEO. W. ANTHONY, Incorporators.

In response to a request made by the Gazette to a number of Bristol's most prominent manufacturers, business and professional men for an expression of their views on the project the following replies have been received:

Bristol's Fugues Wants the Bridge.

BRISTOL, 4-20, '97.

EDITOR GAZETTE, DEAR SIR:—For a number of weeks we have had plans of the proposed bridge between Burlington and Bristol in our show window and it has attracted a great deal of attention. The comments have been many. The sentiment is entirely in favor of its being built. I think it would be a great advantage to both towns, especially to the town of Bristol. Yours truly, B. S. JOHNSON.

The President of the Bristol Board of Education Favors It.

EDITOR OF THE GAZETTE:—In response to an expressed wish I briefly give you a thought or two concerning the proposed bridge—the bridge that is to connect Burlington and Bristol in a way that will imply enterprise, utility, convenience, and advantage. The temporary bridge of ice with which nature sometimes favors us tells its own story. The travel by that wintry highway suggests in a measure form what the travel will be by the more permanent bridge, and which will not melt away.

Every enterprise invites opposition and encounters the contention of objectors, with which the world is full. Progress always meets with that enemy which we call "fogymy," and which is sometimes only another name for self-interest; but enterprise usually prevails, and progress generally celebrates its triumphs.

After that bridge is built, gracefully spanning our beautiful river and giving it an aspect of civilization, people will wonder how we of Bristol and they of Burlington, and everybody else far and near, on this side and that, ever managed to live so long without it. It is the same with every advantage, every convenience, and every utility; when once enjoyed we would not part with them. So it will be with the proposed bridge. Yours truly, JOHN K. WILDMAN.

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Starting in unmistakable terms that the people of Bristol, and of Bucks county, want the bridge, and want it badly, and are entirely misrepresented by any statement to the contrary. Yours respectfully, BURNETT LANDROTH.

From the President of the Farmers' National Bank.

Mr. Benjamin J. Taylor said that he was in favor of the construction of the bridge if the terminus was not above the grade of Radcliffe street.

A Ferry Director Favors the Bridge.

When interviewed, Mr. Charles E. Scott, cashier of the Farmers' National Bank, and a director in the Ferry Company, said that he was in favor of the bridge, and thought that the travel over the bridge would be heavy, a great many taking advantage of the better communication between the two towns.

A Bank Director's Views.

BRISTOL, Pa., April 21st, 1897.

EDITOR OF THE GAZETTE, DEAR SIR:—Believing that the proposed bridge between Burlington and Bristol would be very much to the interest and convenience of the citizens of Bristol and Bucks county, I do not hesitate to say that to the best of my knowledge and belief, nearly all of our citizens are in favor of it, and only those people who are peculiarly interested in its defeat.

Yours truly, L. A. HOGUE.

Manufacturers Ask For It.

BRISTOL, Pa., April 21st, 1897.

EDITOR GAZETTE:—A bridge between Bristol and Burlington would undoubtedly prove of great benefit to both communities, particularly to the former with its superior railroad facilities. The movement is a popular one, and the expressions of opinion are practically unanimous in favor of the bridge.

Yours truly, WM. H. GRIMBY & Co.

BRISTOL, Pa., April 20, 1897.

EDITOR OF THE GAZETTE:—I believe the prevailing sentiment of the citizens of Bristol is in favor of the bridge across the Delaware at this point, which I believe will prove a great convenience and advantage to them.

THOMAS HUGHES.

Mr. Charles Leedom, of Thos. L. Leedom & Co., carpet manufacturers, thought the bridge would be a great convenience to the inhabitants of both towns and that it would aid greatly to their prosperity. He knew of no objections to its construction.

BRISTOL, PA., APRIL 21, 1897.

EDITOR OF THE GAZETTE, DEAR SIR:—Do the citizens of Bristol want the bridge? Most assuredly they do (possibly there may be a few who don't, for reasons known to themselves only).

They want anything that will bring with it more life and activity and development. Large sections of two States that have heretofore been debarr'd from freedom of intercourse, because of uncertainty in means of transit, and heavy charges when the opportunity is offered. Your illustration last week was forcible, where you contrasted present traffic on the trolley between Bristol and Langhorne (about 600 passengers daily), with that of a few months ago by stage (6 at the outside). And bear in mind the trolley carries no produce, a large factor in bridge travel. A bridge, which is a permanent link, where no wails are negotiated as by car or boat, would probably show even more surprising results.

It could not fail to create more business and stimulate pleasure travel, in which would be included the throng of wheelmen, who would take advantage of it. In addition to that it would give Bristol prominence, both on the map and in reality, such as it has never before occupied. By all means let the bridge come.

WM. C. PIERCE.

EDITOR OF THE GAZETTE:—As a bill is now pending before the Legislature of this State for the privilege of building an Interstate Bridge between the Borough of Bristol, Pa., and the City of Burlington, N. J., and a similar bill having already passed the Legislature of New Jersey, it is doubtful if any resident of either place, whether employer or employee, but what in some way will be benefited. Although two of the oldest towns in their respective states, the residents are cut off from each other for over 12 hours each day, and often 2 or 3 months in a year. Build the bridge, and the merchant, manufacturer and farmer of Burlington would have a market opened up in Bristol and vicinity, likewise in the eastern wards of Philadelphia, and the farmer, merchant and manufacturer of this county would have a new market in Burlington and adjacent territory; access to same could be had at all hours of the day or night and at all seasons of the year. The Brooklyn bridge was the first move toward the greater New York, and yet the travel on the ferry-boats between New York and Brooklyn is enormous, and additional bridges are demanded. We trust that the bill now pending shall soon become a law, and that Congress shall then be appealed to for their approval of the same so that the bridge may be a thing on paper but a reality. We confidently believe that should a bridge between the two towns be built, the doubling of business, if any, would then wonder why the bridge was not erected twenty-five or more years ago.

T. B. HARRIS FERRYBOAT CO.

What Contractors and Builders Have to Say About It.

BRISTOL, Pa., April 22, 1897.

EDITOR OF THE GAZETTE:—I think that the proposed bridge would be a great advantage to Bristol and Burlington socially and commercially. At present a person missing the boat by a few minutes is compelled to wait an hour before another trip is made by it. I know of no reason why any person should oppose it.

ERNEST LAWRENCE.

BRISTOL, Pa., April 21, 1897.

EDITOR OF THE GAZETTE:—I am very much in favor of the bridge, and think it would prove of great benefit to the town from each and every point of view.

J. N. DeGROEN.

Lavies Recommend It.

BRISTOL, Pa., April 21, 1897.

EDITOR OF THE GAZETTE, DEAR SIR:—I have conversed with a number of our leading citizens concerning the proposed bridge across the Delaware connecting our borough with the city of Burlington, N. J., and with only two exceptions, I have found our people in favor of the enterprise. The facility and cheapness of communication with our sister State of New Jersey which the proposed bridge would accomplish, in my judgment, would materially inure to the business interests of our town. JOHN C. STUCKERT.

W. C. T. U. CONVENTION.

A Large Delegation Attends the Semi-Annual Meeting at Morrisville Last Saturday.

The members of the W. C. T. U. held their semi-annual convention at Morrisville on last Saturday in the Presbyterian Church. The day was a pleasant one and the church was crowded with the representatives from the different local unions. The room was decorated with palms, Easter lilies, magnolias and plants, while the silk and satin banners of the different unions adorned the walls. The Sunday school room in the rear was fitted up with several long tables containing a supply of good things to eat to accommodate those who came from a distance.

The morning session of the convention was called to order at 10.15. Miss Elizabeth Lloyd occupied the chair and Miss Ella Longshore, Doleington, was the secretary.

The voluntary was sung by the Methodist choir of Morrisville, and the Evangelical Superintendent, Mrs. Georgiana White, read the 14th chapter from St. John, which was followed by a prayer and a hymn by the choir. The committees appointed for the ensuing term were as follows:

Resolutions—Mrs. William Watson, of Langhorne; Miss Susan G. Appleton, of Burlington; Mrs. Elizabeth Parsons, Morrisville; Mrs. Harriet Goe, Wrightstown; Mrs. Annie Studling, Miss Ellen Warner, Bristol.

Auditing—Mrs. Virginia Dancer, Yardley; Mrs. Maria Heyd, Newtown.

Credentials—Miss S. J. Reader, Newtown; Mrs. Jane Yardley, Makoff; Mrs. Caroline Craven, Chardville.

Courtesies—Mrs. Maria Taylor, Morrisville; Mrs. Harriet LaCompte, Langhorne; Miss Anna Balderston, Doleington.

The address of welcome by Mrs. Matilda Woodman, of Morrisville, was read by Miss Little Taylor, of Morrisville. The corresponding secretary, Miss Emma Worstall, of Solisbury, and the treasurer, Mrs. Lovina Blackman, of Newtown, then read their reports. The treasurer's report stated that \$124.99 had been received and that \$372.41 had been expended. Mrs. Gerbrick, of Morrisville, sang a solo, after which Mrs. Henrietta G. Forrest, of the Pennsylvania State Bulletin, the temperance organ, gave an interesting talk which secured thirty-five subscriptions to the paper. Mrs. Georgiana White, the county delegate to the National Convention at St. Louis, gave a report of same meeting. A solo by Miss Emma Heyd, of Morrisville, and a noon-day prayer ended the morning session.

The afternoon exercises began at 2 by the congregation, led by the Presbyterian choir, singing, and Rev. Mr. Jennings, of Morrisville, reading the second Psalm from the Bible.

The report of the Executive Committee was read, in which it was stated that mass meetings would be held in different parts of the county during the summer and that the next convention would be held in Bensalem township next October.

The annual address of the president was given by Miss Lloyd. Mrs. Emma D. Kyre, of Makoff, the superintendent of Scientific instruction, then furnished her annual report, which was followed by that of Miss Elizabeth Betts, of Bensalem, on parlor meetings, and Miss Susan G. Appleton, of Langhorne, on franchises. Miss Greenwood, of Brooklyn, the national and world's evangelistic speaker of the W. C. T. U. made an excellent impromptu address. Remarks were made by Miss Laura Swartzlander, of Yardley, and Mrs. Georgiana White, evangelist. The convention was addressed by Rev. Robert Hetherington, of Morrisville, Rev. Patterson, of Langhorne, and Mr. Louis Bond, of Doylestown.

The following resolutions read before the meeting were passed unanimously:

WHEREAS, God and His goodness having again granted us the privilege of assembling in convention, we therefore render unto Him thanksgiving and praise for the boundless mercies of the past year, and reaffirm our allegiance to the principles of total abstinence and prohibition, and praying that His hand may direct the efforts of the coming year.

Resolved, That social purity be one of our chief lines of work.

WHEREAS, We as christian temperance women believe it our duty to protest against prize fighting, be it.

Resolved, That we place ourselves squarely on record in regard to prize fighting, and particularly the one recently fought in Carson City, and believe that when women have a share in making the laws such atrocities will be done away with.

Resolved, That we urge the W. C. T. U. to work to secure the right of suffrage for women.

Resolved, That we heartily endorse any measure before our State Legislature whose object is to prohibit the trading in intoxicating drinks.

WHEREAS, The use of cider as a beverage retards the work of our W. C. T. U., therefore be it

Resolved, That realizing the harmful effects of this the stopping point to stronger intoxicants, we do urge that each and every member bear faithful testimony against its use.

Resolved, That we, members of the W. C. T. U. do earnestly deplore the slaughter of birds and the use of their plumes for purposes of ornamentation, as expressed in the prevailing fashions.

Resolved, That we extend our most cordial thanks to Morrisville and Penns Manor Unions for their kindness in entertaining us, and to the trustees and members of the Presbyterian Church for the use of their building, and we hope and pray that our coming will help on the cause which we represent in this community.

The Fork Is Nine Hundred Years Old.

By the way, it is just about 1,000 years ago since the fork made its appearance in Europe. In 99 A. D. a son of the doge Pietro Orsello had wedded in Venice the Brizantina Princess Argilla, who produced at the wedding breakfast a silver fork and gold spoon. Then the high Venetian families followed suit, and these martyrs to fashion picked their lips with the new instrument. The fork prospered, however, and spread over Italy. In 1879 it had traveled as far as France, and in 1698 a traveler brought it thence to England.—London Figaro.

How to Ride a Wheel.

A bicycle instructor offers the following suggestions to beginners:

1. Grasp the handle bars lightly. Do not stiffen the muscles of the arms and shoulders.
2. Turn the wheel gently in the direction which you feel you are falling. Do not jerk it, but turn it lightly.
3. Do not be afraid to bear down on the pedals. The faster you go the more easily will the wheel be controlled, but do not attempt scorching until you feel that you are master of the wheel.
4. Always look ahead, or rather toward the point to which you wish to go. If you look down at the wheel you are almost sure to be "rattled" and if you fix a terror-stricken gaze on any object you wish to avoid, you are almost sure to run into it.

It is almost the invariable rule that the beginner after a few minutes of struggling with the wobbly machine begins to comprehend the principle by which he is to prevent himself from falling.

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OPPOSITION TO HOUSE INACTION.

Representative Wanger Opposed to Further Delay.

It has been a question among our statesmen at Washington whether Speaker Reed's plan of delaying all business in the House of Representatives until the Senate acts upon the tariff bill is a wise one or not.

Legislation is needed on other things beside the tariff, and if the Senate is going to make an all summer's job of putting that measure through the House might as well proceed with the consideration of their subjects.

The Representative from this district, Hon. Irving P. Wanger, in speaking of this matter to a correspondent the other day, said:—

"I doubt if a wise course is being pursued in preventing Congress from going ahead and transacting important business while awaiting the action of the Senate on the tariff bill. There are many important measures that need to be considered and will have to be considered in time. I must say that I do not believe that the party is helped any by riveting the entire attention of the country on a taxation bill or one to raise revenue by increasing duties.

"It is a necessary and wise piece of legislation, but I think it would be just as wise a thing for the party to share its attention with some other remedial legislation. I cannot satisfactorily explain to you a legislator's inability to secure any legislation which they desire because the House committees have not been appointed.

"I think, if you will look through the House calendar at the close of the last session, you will find many important measures that deserve consideration. For instance, there is the bankruptcy bill now before the Senate. That is an important subject which I think should be taken up in the House, and the debate allowed to run until every man has had his say who wants to say anything on the question.

"I do not think the people thoroughly understand this bankruptcy matter. It is my opinion that the only kind of a bankruptcy bill that will stand for any length of time is one something like that introduced by Mr. Bailey and which passed the House in the last Congress. I know many people differ with me, but I think that, instead of coming to Congress to ask for legislation to prevent abuses in the way of preferences, that we should have State laws on the subject.

"I know it is customary here to denounce the laws of Southern and Western States on the bankruptcy matters, but what of the laws of Pennsylvania? They do not prevent preferences such as the Torrey bill prohibits, and I have heard of no movement whatever in Pennsylvania in all these years to secure such legislation. I am under the impression that the laws of New York do not prohibit preferences. Many of these abuses, if not all of them, could be prohibited by State laws."

"But is not the fact," inquired "The Press" correspondent, "that the need is for a law that will apply to all States?"

"If the States, or even if one State," Mr. Wanger replied, "would pass the right kind of a law the other States would be apt to follow. Merchants would be apt to favor the State which has the best laws on the subject. The Bailey act permitted a man to get a discharge good for all parts of the United States when he could go before a Federal Court and show that he has secured the discharge by complying with the laws of his State.

"That may not, and probably does not, meet the full necessities of the case, but I think that a law of that character is the only kind of a law that will stand the test of time and be allowed to remain on the statute books. The people object to being forced out of their own courts into Federal courts.

"As to the question of legislation for the House, there are other important topics which need consideration beside the bankruptcy bill. There is the immigration bill vetoed by President Cleveland. There are contested election cases, the question of settling the debts of the Pacific railroads, and I think there are plenty of measures with which the time of the House might be probably occupied."

Gladstone's Strong Words.

Mr. Gladstone has written a letter to the Macedonian leader, Captain Dampeps, in which he says:—"Under the present deplorable scheme all the British Government have the right to do, seemingly, is to plead its opinions before a tribunal of two youthful despots, the Emperors of Germany and Russia, and to abide by their help to execute their final determinations.

"Our disgraceful office seems to be to place ships, guns, soldiers and sailors at their disposal for the purpose of keeping down the movement for the liberty of Crete and of securing to these young despots, who have in no wise earned the confidence of Europe, the power of deciding questions which rightfully belong to the Cretans."

—Dr. J. B. Shewalter, Republican, was elected to Congress Tuesday over Dr. Samuel Heitman, Democrat, in the special election held in the Twenty-fifth Congressional District.

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Any number of bicycles will be given free to those who will render a trifling service to "The Press." Details of the bicycle offer will be sent to any person who sends two recent postage stamps to "The Press," Philadelphia.

—The Board of Pardons has commuted to life imprisonment the sentence of James B. Gentry, who was to have been hanged to-day for the murder of Madge Yerke. Governor Hastings approved the recommendation.

A Complete Establishment.

Johnson Brothers, the popular clothiers at the corner of Mill and Wood streets, are now ready for the Spring and Summer trade. They can dress a man from head to toe in the best style and for a small amount of cash. Their Clothing, Hats, Caps, Underwear, Hosiery, Shoes and Neckwear, are all of the latest styles and best makes. They have suits from \$5 to \$20, honest goods and well made. Hats, from 40 cts. to \$3.00. Underwear from \$1.00 to \$3.00 per suit; and shoes, well made, neat, strong and substantial, at various prices. For reliable goods, bought from standard houses, go to Johnson Brothers. They have no equal in the city.

Skating Carnival.

There will be a skating carnival, band concert and trick bicycle performance in the Bristol rink on Friday evening, April 23d, for the benefit of the Liberty Cornet Band. On this occasion Master Willie Hayes, the young trick cyclist, will give one of his wonderful performances. Young Hayes has appeared at the Academy of Music, New York, at the Plaza Theatre, Philadelphia, at the Inter-State Fair at Trenton, and the highest praise has been awarded him. The price of admission to the entertainment is 15 cents. Tickets are for sale by members of the band.

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